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1. A resident of Premnitz stated on 19 March 1951 that the hutment at Premnitz, west of the southern railroad station of Rathenow (N 53/2 15), had a billeting capacity of about 300 troops. Several platoons of about 30 men each were seen drilling in the billeting area. No vehicular traffic was observed. Soldiers in Rathenow said that personnel who were guilty of minor offenses were punished by reassignment to the hutment at Premnitz. *

* Comment. The hutment in Premnitz is believed to be a regular post of a unit of the IV Arty Corps, rather than a penal camp. The detached location of the hutment may be the reason for the soldiers' dislike of the camp.

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